

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

February 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Approved by the Town Board March 9, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 PM on Monday, February 9, 2009 at the Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Ted Belanus, Supervisors Cheryl Rezabek and John Davis, Jr., Treasurer Amy Ross, and Clerk Roseann Meixelsperger. The Clerk read the open meeting notice and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes. Motion by Rezabek to approve the minutes from January 12, 2009 with corrections of Bergeland last name, change of Wall spelling, and clarification on the Prime Land Preservation changing acreage size from five to six acres. Second by Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills. Motion by Rezabek to approve/pay the bills as presented for \$31,961.82 Second by Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Clerk's Reconciliation.

Cash in Checking Account	\$ 329,144.50
Equipment Fund	92,232.50
Smart Growth Fund	9,761.47
Brooklyn Fire Building Fund	86,285.16

Total **\$517,423.63**

Motion by Davis to accept the report. Second by Rezabek. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Budget 2009: Review and update various budget line items. Comment by Chair about the salt currently in our shed. Green County is storing this salt here. The Board is now being approached to pay for the salt by Green County. Will be paid in November. Brian Smith stated to the Chair that the shed is stacked with 28 truck loads of salt. Belanus stated we have already purchased 10 loads of salt. Board needs to decide in the future if they will purchase the other 18 loads of salt.

Liberty Pole Hill-Park: Clerk went thru the history of the park and handed out an article written by Sharon George for The Monroe Times in 03/14/1970. In attendance to show support and interest in Liberty Pole Hill Park were VFW Post 10272 Oregon/Brooklyn Reps Steve Laurence, Aaron Ingham, and Richard Bergemann. Town Citizens present were Mike and Pam Raschein, Steve and Patti Westphal, Sharon George, and Gil Hohnberger. Clerk stated she had received e-mails from citizens supportive of the efforts being considered to replace the flag and pole on Liberty Pole Hill Park who were unable to attend. VFW offered to furnish a flag, but is not sure about the pole. Clerk stated lighting was an issue, as there is not electricity at the site, although we could think of solar lighting in the future. Clerk stated there is no money in the budget at present except to continue the Liberty Pole Hill Parks' mowing. Rezabek stated her work in the past to get the Park as a historical designated site. Limitations would be placed on the site if this avenue were pursued. Rich from the VFW stated that outside of the historical part, he is also representing Brooklyn Scouts – they are always looking for

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things Eagle Scouts can do. Aaron from the VFW stated he would facilitate contacts, fundraising, etc. Aaron spoke with Brett Davis who was unable to attend this evening but is very supportive. There are plenty of resources here. Patti Westphal stated as a local citizen with Aaron and the VFW's support, they would be glad to support efforts. Gil Hohnberger of the local VFW stated that on Feb 22nd they will have a pancake breakfast. Gil felt they could appropriate some funds for the flag and a pole for the Hill. The Chair asked what the vision was, do we see a plaque, a monument with names of veterans from the area. Steve stated that in Oregon, they dedicated a monument to all veterans, to ensure no one is missed. Donations were requested in Oregon, and sizable donations were received to get the monument up, some plantings, with the money that was raised. After it was all together, they had a dedication. Pam stated a local 4H may want to participate in maintaining any planting. Robert Strous of our Recycling Committee stated he was encouraged by the support. Patti, Steve, Mike, Pam, and Sharon all stated they would be interested in working on a Committee. Aaron stated that Brett Davis had contacted some press, and Aaron has already received some calls from the press. Steve stated the Brooklyn Legion should be invited for future meetings. Rich asked about the flag absent on the current town logo. Cheryl explained that when the logo was redesigned, a couple of items were dropped because the logo was seen as too busy. In fact, some people thought the flag was a golf flag. Sharon stated the original logo had been an art contest for children in the community. Belanus stated the Board could create a committee. Steve suggested an informal committee for information gathering. Board requested the group to return next meeting with a draft of their vision and goals.

Road Report: Signs were run over this weekend. After some recent vehicular accidents, Green County Sheriff's Department advised that a \$268 WI Fine will be assessed to property owners if ridges are left on public road from personal plowing.

Driveways, field road permits (if any): None

Recycling Center: Robert Strous Jr. reported on the Center's past and current updates. Committee continues to meet. They are happy with the cooperative agreement with the Village of Brooklyn for waste oil at their Center, and white goods at our Center. Over the holidays, Pellitteri did not pick up the recycling center. Pellitteri was very apologetic about the issue. Pellitteri committed themselves to work with the Town to avoid something like that happening in the future. The Committee is going to have a display during the Spring Election. The Committee discussed a contingency plan for the switch over for TV transmissions from analog to digital. Pellitteri stated that if there is a surge of TV's just put them in the big dumpster and they will handle them. Development of staff – have scheduled first aid training. Local person will donate their time; just have to pay for the training materials, about \$8 to \$10 a head. Members of the Board and any interested citizens are invited to attend as well. Date for training is February 26th from 6 pm to 10 pm here at the Town Hall. Jim put together the Operations statistics 2008 Recycling Summary, which Bob passed to the Board. Categories reviewed were Traffic, Volumes, and Revenue per month. On average, the Recycling Center generated \$1,027.07/month. There was a 29% revenue increase from 2007 to 2008. In June/July,

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curbside pickup had ceased, and the Recycling Center revenue improved. Add to this the facility improvements. Important to note that the fencing was donated at no cost to us from Vita Plus in Madison. Tractor replacement fund has been budgeted in 2009. One of the main goals at the Center is to get better signage. Board thanked the Committee for their fine work. The Board spoke to Strous about the renegotiation of the Pellitteri contract to include the 20 yard container, which was obtained for the larger items. The Clerk provided Strous with a copy of the current contract. The Board would like to get all the containers under one contract. The Committee feels Pellitteri has given us pretty good service, and has been responsive to their requests. The Committee also understands the Board's concern with the contract, and will work on renegotiating a reasonable contract for future hauling. Kramer also complimented the Center on their good job, and noted he was pleased they still take tires. Strous thanked Kramer for his comments, and stated they also take fluorescent lights and batteries at no charge.

Fire EMS District Reports: Motion by Rezabek to sign the Evansville EMS contract for 2009 in the amount of \$1,980.00 Second by Davis. Motion carried unanimously. Chair signed the contract.

Driveway, Field road Compliance issues (if any): None

Cemeteries: None

Planning Commission. Donald Sanner Certified Survey Map review – sale between adjoining neighbors (Golz farms). The farm is adjoining land owner sale. No splits were used. Commission stated no action is required per our ordinance. Town Chair signed the document.

Shirley Davis, Don Topel, and Don Batker have all agreed to serve another two years. Next month, agenda the appointment of the 3 members for another 2 year term. The entire Plan Commission will be reappointed consistent with the new Ordinance timing at next months' meeting.

Prime Land Preservation Ordinance 6-11-07 – Commission reviewed the Prime Land Preservation Ordinance Draft 8, and submitted their changes to the document. They are eliminating the acreage limitation, and also indicated where citizens could obtain soil maps.

Board questioned some of the revisions. Rezabek questioned the suggested location of the buildings on the owner's prime land for smaller parcels. Rezabek also suggested changing the wording in Section 2, Purpose, second sentence. Change "preservation" to "ordinance".

Town Building improvements: None

Informational Items: Clerk – AIDS Network bicycle ride is Saturday 08/08/09. Letter received from them showing their route including some Town roads. Town will receive

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\$100 from the GAB (Government Accountability Board) for their election work in November 2008 by using the correct GAB-190 form (Election Voting & Registration Statistics Report). Recycling Center Town Part Time Employee is requesting Unemployment benefits. General Engineering Co. is seeking new Building Inspection Clients and has approached the Town with a quote for their services. Working Lands Workshops – Additional sessions announced. Floodplain Zoning Public Hearing notice from Green County Zoning on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 7:45 PM in Monroe. Green County Emergency Management has advised us the Flood Plain FEMA relief check of approximately \$30,000 is on its way to our Town.

Chair – Elmer Road bridge bids came in about \$40,000 under what had been projected. Davis – One of the residents was paying his taxes, and noted Treasurer had a computer and it really bothered him. Davis stated it would cost \$350 annually. He stated why we had to pay to make her job easier, when she was elected on the premise. Treasurer stated she has not had a raise in six years. Rezabek stated the County drove the decision to purchase the software and computer.

Adjournment Motion by Rezabek to adjourn. Second by Davis. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.